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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY. DOCKET: 10.1020

IN RE APPLICATION OF: BIN LI
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/046,639
FILED: 10/26/2001
EXAMINER: RIZK, SAMIR WADIE
GROUP ART: 2133

FOR: OPTIMAL BIT ALLOCATION SYSTEM FOR REED-SOLOMAN CODED
DATA

AFTER FINAL RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are:

- ☒ An amendment and response letter
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☐ A petition for a _____ month extension of time and
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Dated: September 19, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 18, 2006:

Status

No claims has been added or cancelled by the present amendment. Independent claims 1, 10, 15, 16, 20 and 21 with claims depending therefrom, will remain for further consideration.

35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Locke et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed. The grounds presented in the previous amendment are incorporated herein as reasons why the claims are allowable over the art of record and the Examiner is respectfully requested to refer to the previous amendment for an explanation of the claims and how the claims read over the art of record.